

**REMARKS**

The claims are amended in a further effort to define the over the art of record, and new dependent Claims 47 and 48 are added. Claims 33-46 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-19, 21-32, 47, and 48 remain, with no claim previously allowed.

Claims 1, 4-8, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 22, 26, 31-35, 38, and 41-46 are rejected as unpatentable over *Malik* (US 6,028,921) in view of newly-cited *Urban* (US 6,233,329). This rejection is respectfully traversed as possibly applied to the claims now remaining in the application.

New independent Claims 1 and 17 are amended to define, respectively, a method and a system for delivering the geographic location of a calling party on a VOIP phone. Support for these amendments appears in the specification at page 7, lines 6-8 and page 15, lines 8-18.

Claim 1 defines the method as comprising transmitting a call from a calling party's IP network to a calling party, wherein data associated with the call includes an IP identifier of the calling party. The method next requires triggering a query from a network element associated with the called party and, in response to a query, retrieving geographic location information from an address database that stores the calling party's IP identifier and geographic location information. The location information is returned to the called party's network element, after which the method terminates the call and delivers the geographic location information to the called party.

New Claim 47 depends from Claim 1 and particularizes the "IP identifier" as comprising --an IP address of the calling party--.

Amended system Claim 17 defines a system for delivering location information of a calling party on a VOIP phone associated with an IP identifier. This system includes a location-tracking network storing geographic location information of the calling party in an address database, which cross-references that information with directory numbers and IP identifiers associated with VOIP phones. In response to a query from a network element associated with a called party, a control server searches the address database for geographic location information corresponding to the IP identifier of the calling party and forwards that geographic location information to the network element of the called party. The network element of the called party terminates the call and delivers the geographic location information to the called party.

New Claim 48 depends from Claim 47 and limits the IP identifiers as comprising IP addresses associated with VOIP phones.

The applicants respectfully submit that the previous rejection of claims as being unpatentable over *Malik* in view of *Urban* is not properly applicable to the amended claims. Neither reference mentions delivering the geographic location of a calling party on a VOIP phone. Furthermore, neither reference is at all concerned with VOIP phones, or with transmitting a call from a calling party's IP network wherein data associated with the call includes an IP identifier of the calling party. *Urban* and *Malik* each disclose telecommunications using a switched telephone network; see, e.g., *Malik* at column 6, line 63-column 7, line 11 and *Urban* at column 2, lines 3-55. One of ordinary skill in the art thus could not receive any teaching or suggestion, from those references, of a method or system for providing a service delivering the geographic location of a calling party on a VOIP phone, wherein data associated with a call includes an IP identifier of the calling

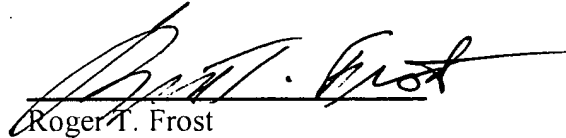
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party and further including the other limitations in the overall combinations of the method and system claims. Accordingly, those claims define patentable subject matter over the applied art.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office action identified above. The applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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